

M E M O R A N D U M

Date : September 15, 2020

To : The Commission
(Meeting of October 8, 2020)

From : Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma

Subject : Appointment to the Low-Income Oversight Board

I. SUMMARY

Public Utilities Code § 382.1 establishes a Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the Commission on issues concerning low-income electric, gas, and water customers. The LIOB is comprised of eleven members who serve two-year terms from the date of appointment by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), with the exception of the member from an electric or gas corporation who serves a one-year term. I request your approval of the reappointment of Ms. Lourdes Medina as a public member on the LIOB.

II. PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTMENT TO THE LOW-INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD

Ms. Medina is an incumbent member of the LIOB, having been appointed to her initial two-year term in 2018. Ms. Medina is a community organizer in Fresno County with the Dolores Huerta Foundation and works on empowering Spanish speaking migrant agricultural workers and immigrants. As the first in her family to graduate from college, and as an immigrant from Guatemala, she uses her voice and personal experiences to communicate a positive message to many immigrant families and their children who have shared similar struggles. “Lulu,” as she is known by her radio audience, is passionate about advocating for women, single-parent families, and immigrants and their journey towards acculturation and success in the United States. She earned her Associate of Arts degree from Reedley Community College.

III. Conclusion

Ms. Lourdes Medina is highly qualified to serve on the LIOB and would continue to be a valuable member of the board. I ask for your approval of her reappointment with an effective date of October 8, 2020. Thank you.